

ABOUT THE STATE

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

James K. Williams of Hydeville has worked in the slate mills there over 38 years.

A falling casting at the Howe scale works in Rutland struck and broke the wrist of James Cocklin.

A new department, that of dietetics, has been installed at the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington, with Miss Ruth S. Miller of Manchester in charge.

P. L. Culver, who has been ticket agent for the Central Vermont railroad at White River Junction, has been transferred to the union station in Burlington.

Capt. H. H. Cady has placed a guard at the state armory in Bellows Falls, stating that he did it on the principle of safety first, on account of the break with Germany.

St. Johnsbury had a \$5,000 fire Sunday afternoon, when the meat market of Beauregard brothers was badly gutted. Other tenants in the building also suffered from water and smoke. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Seventeen members of the Green Mountain club in Burlington took a long snowshoe hike Saturday afternoon, with supper as a climax. The severe cold was too much for several of the men who had planned to go on the hike, and of the 17 who were brave enough to carry out their plans, only two were of the male sex.

Fred H. Bencker of Rutland has brought a \$25,000 suit against the United Marble companies of that city, of which he was a former sales manager. Mr. Bencker claims that the company broke its contract with him in regard to his salary. The defendant company alleges that it has lived up to every detail of the contract.

Application has been made to the state game commissioner for the incorporation of the Middlebury Trust Co., signed by Charles E. Pinney, J. E. Weeks and 14 others. Hearing is set for March 13. It is reported that the National bank of Middlebury will liquidate and that the Trust company will take its place.

Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state by the Randolph Telephone exchange, Inc., of Randolph. The capital stock is \$15,000 and the business of the company is confined to the limits now occupied by the co-partnership. The incorporators are H. M. Totman, G. W. Scott, O. J. Marcot, C. J. Stockwell, A. M. Hubbard, all of Randolph.

The house in Stowe occupied by A. O. Holbrook and family was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, being partly burned when the family were awakened. It was impossible to save anything except a box of silverware, a little clothing and a gasoline engine. Farm and sugaring tools were all destroyed. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook and two small children, went to the home of a neighbor about a quarter of a mile away. The cause of the fire is unknown. The house was built about 95 years ago.

G. A. Waite Is Advanced.

Springfield, Feb. 6.—Gerald A. Waite, who since May 11 has been bookkeeper at the Springfield National bank, has been chosen as teller. He came here from Bellows Falls, where he had always made his home and where he was employed as a clerk in the National bank of Bellows Falls.

HORSEMAN SERIOUSLY ILL.

George Edwards of Bellows Falls Well Known Throughout State. Bellows Falls, Feb. 6.—George Edwards is seriously ill at the Rockingham hospital following an operation which he underwent Saturday. Mr. Edwards is well known throughout the state, his race horses having been seen for years on nearly all of the fairground tracks in Vermont. Among the horses owned by him were Smudge, Atlantic Belle and Billy Boy. He drove his own horses.

NORTH CALAIS

Mrs. Lovejoy, Ruth Lovejoy and Blanche Nelson of Hardwick were visitors at Sidney Nelson's last week. Mrs. Laura Foster left for Newark, N. J., last Thursday for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Mary Weber of Woodbury and Mrs. Josephine Converse of Maple Corner were guests of Edith Beard last week.

Mrs. Nora Keith called on friends here Friday and Saturday.

Miss Estelle Smith returned Saturday from the Fanny Allen hospital much improved in health.

Several of the teachers in town attended the Winooski valley teachers' meeting and schools were not in session on Friday.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at Frank Hill's Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Thurston returned to their home in Woodbury Sunday.

A very interesting farmers' meeting was held here last Wednesday. It is to be regretted there was not a larger attendance.

The drama, "The Old Oaken Bucket," will be presented at Memorial hall on Friday evening, Feb. 16. The play will be followed by dancing.

WEBSTERVILLE

The funeral of Mrs. Donald Greenlay will be held at St. John the Baptist Episcopal church in Websterville Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie officiating. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Owing to the death and funeral of Mrs. Greenlay, the sale which the ladies of the guild were planning to hold the latter part of this week has been indefinitely postponed.

There will be no mid-week service this week at the Episcopal church.

Quite Outspoken.

A young matron giving a dinner party was nervous lest the new cook might not prove equal to the occasion. Going down to the kitchen at the eleventh hour, she exclaimed: "Why, Ellen! if we haven't forgotten all about the entire dinner!" "Sure enough we have, mum!" replied Ellen, pointing in mid-air a large platter she was wiping. "Ain't we the couple of blunder-headed mutes!"

"Come on Over, See My Corn Fall Off!"

"I Put a Drops of 'Gels-It' on Last Night—Now Watch—"



"That was a quick General That Corn Had With 'Gels-It'"

TITCOMB'S FAREWELL.

Issues Statement to Fish and Game League and Allied Organizations.

John W. Titcomb of Lyndonville, who recently resigned as state fish and game commissioner of Vermont, has issued the following letter to the officers and members of the Vermont Fish and Game League and to the officers of various fish and game organizations in Vermont:

"You have doubtless seen in the papers a notice of my resignation as state fish and game commissioner. The governor will undoubtedly receive many applications for appointment to this position at the present salary of \$15,000 per year. A bill is now before the legislature to raise the salary of the commissioner to \$3,000.

"The duties of commissioner have not been so developed by the legislation of 1915 and the inauguration of a plan to have numerous field stations that they have reached a point where the technical details pertaining to the establishment, construction, maintenance and operation of a series of hatcheries calls for a man with technical knowledge as well as administrative ability. I have no doubt that we have plenty of men here in Vermont competent to administer the protective laws quite as efficiently as they have been administered in the past, but the men available for economically performing the technical duties pertaining to the office under the present policy are few, and they command good salaries. I happen to be quite familiar with the market of supply and demand in this line from the fact that I have had frequent applications to fill positions in various parts of the country.

"Now that my resignation has been accepted, I feel free, without being open to the charge of 'personal motives,' to urge those interested in the conservation of our wild life and the development of our fisheries, to use their influence with friends in the legislature to secure the passage of the bill which will provide a suitable salary to secure a good man. The state can well afford to pay all the \$3,000 called for in the bill, and will afford to pay less than \$2,500 to secure a man competent to fill this position. The development of our attractions along these lines is just getting started as a result of the angler's license law. We are hardly beginning to see the results of the work which has been made possible by this law. Vermont is making rapid strides in her progress in education, agriculture, good highways, etc. Let us not turn the good old state to a state backward in legislation by not taking to the enactment of a provision which will secure the best man possible to continue the work in the department of fisheries and game.

"I have promised the governor to keep on the job until the end of this month. It is up to you to see that this glorious old state does not receive a serious setback, but to make it possible for the governor to offer a price which will secure a high-class man with the necessary technical knowledge to go on with the work.

"I take this opportunity to express my hearty appreciation of the co-operation which I have had for so many years and without which I would not for one moment have considered the holding of an office which has involved more or less personal sacrifice. It is with sincere regret that I feel obliged, in the interests of my family, to relinquish a work in the upbuilding of which I have been so much interested and which upbuilding would not have been possible without your co-operation.

"Please take hold and 'boost' for a greater Vermont in the lines above indicated, and oblige.

"Yours very truly,
John W. Titcomb."

A Family May Be

of good old stock and not be prolific with dividends? Life insurance is almost a universal necessity. National Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual). S. S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto building, Montpelier, Vt.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

Report for Week Ending Feb. 3.

Meetings held 2
Attendance 75
Farm visits 4
Calls at office 10
Telephone calls 13
Articles published 3
Letters written 31
Notices sent out 100
Miles traveled by foot 40
Miles traveled by rail 64

The extension school in agriculture and home economics that is in session at Berlin Corners this week, Monday to Friday, inclusive, is designed to bring the farmers and their families into closer contact with the science of agriculture. The lectures that are included in the program all treat on practical problems that the farmer is up against every day. Opportunity is given for the general discussion of all the topics so as to bring out the local problems. Every farmer can profit by the lectures and discussions on breeding, business dairying, the corn crop, soy beans, farm management, the hay crop, economical rations, farm manures, clover and alfalfa and commercial fertilizers, while those interested in poultry and forestry will have the opportunity of discussing these subjects with specialists. Remember that these sessions are absolutely free of admission and you are invited to attend if you are interested.

Are you making all that you can from your herd of cows? Here are a few facts that will interest the dairyman. Vermont has 200,000 cows. Washington county has 20,000 of these. Of this number in Washington county there are about 1,800 of which there are records of their production, obtained mostly through cow testing associations. The average profit above feed, of all the dairy cows in Vermont is about \$7 for the year. The average profit of the cows in the testing associations, of which we have records, is a little over \$30 per cow per year. The figures below will show you where the difference comes in. A cow giving 5,000 pounds of 3 per cent milk produces in the year 150 pounds of butter fat worth about \$60, or about enough to pay for the feed. A cow giving 5,000 pounds of 5 per cent milk will produce 250 pounds of butter fat worth about \$100, which makes her profit at least \$40 more per year than the cows whose milk test only 3 per cent. The only way that you can tell which of the three above cows you own is to apply the Babcock test and weigh the milk. Then by eliminating the poor producers in the herd you can increase your profit and save your money. By raising the standard of the best cows you will steadily improve even the best. Milk sheets cost from 25 cents to 40 cents a dozen or you can make them up at home. A dozen will last a year for 25 cows. A set of suitable milk scales will cost from \$2 to \$4. Taking the samples for the test will take you about a half an hour's extra time one day in each month. You can get the samples tested for five cents apiece and secure of the creameries information for you free of charge. When you have this information you can figure the production of each cow for the year and know which one to sell and what the rest are worth to keep. Or better yet join a cow testing association and get all of this week done for you for \$1 per cow per year with the figuring thrown in. If there is no association near you, apply to the county agent and some means will be worked out so that you can avail yourself of this very necessary information if you expect to get the most from your herd. Many farms raise the best of crops and feed them to cows that return only a dollar's worth of milk for \$1.10 worth of the feed. Is your farm one of these?

F. H. Abbott,
County Agent.

WASHINGTON

Washington grange, No. 268, will hold its regular meeting Feb. 9, and the following program will be given: Music; Mrs. Frank Ordway; selection; Mrs. G. W. Downing; discussion, "What can we as individual members of the grange do to improve upon the people of our village and its vicinity our earnestness for its betterment to ourselves and the traveling public?" Speakers, G. E. Huntington, J. A. Partridge, Oliver King, O. E. Stanley, Mrs. Ella Spencer, Mary Dickey, Mrs. C. H. McAllister, Lulu Gallant and volunteers. The closing number on the program will be a violin solo by Oliver King, with piano accompaniment.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous membrane of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

This Will Interest Mothers
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, a certain relief for feverishness, headache, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. They frequently break up colds in 24 hours. They are so pleasant to the taste children like them. Over 10,000 testimonials. Used by mothers for 25 years. They never fail. Sold by all druggists. Send for circulars FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.—Adv.

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JUST GOT OVER A COLD?

Look out for kidney troubles and backache. Colds overtax the kidneys and often leave them weak. For weak kidneys—well, read what a Barre man says:

J. H. Holt, carpenter, 14 Hillside avenue, Barre, says: "Last winter I caught a cold, which settled on my kidneys and caused them to act irregularly. I had such stitch-like pains in my back that I couldn't stoop over or do any lifting. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills straightened me up in good shape, and I haven't been bothered since."

Price 50c. at all dealers'. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Holt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Their Motive.

"Well, my lads," said the recruiting lecturer, "you all saw the brave fellows go off to war this morning. Now, I ask you, what motives are taking those men to the front?" The village wit beamed cheerfully from the back of the hall. "Locomotives," he replied, with conviction.

RHEUMATISM PAIN

The exact cause of rheumatism is unknown, though it is generally believed to be due to an excess of uric acid in the blood. It may be said with equal truth that no one has been found who has never had it in all cases. In fact the literature of rheumatism shows that there are but few drugs which have not been given a trial. In the hands of one observer we find that a certain drug has been used with the utmost satisfaction; elsewhere he found the same remedy to be a great disappointment. All physicians however agree that every method of treatment is aided by the administration of some remedy to relieve the pain and quiet the nervous system and Dr. W. S. Schultze expresses the opinion of thousands of practitioners when he says that anti-rheumatic drugs have been found to give preference over all other remedies for the relief of the pain in all forms of rheumatism. These tablets can be purchased in any quantity. They are also unsurpassed for headaches, neuralgias and all pains. Ask for A-K Tablets.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

ESTATE OF LEROY S. NORRIS
The undersigned, having been appointed by the honorable probate court for the district of Washington county, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Leroy S. Norris, late of the city of Barre, in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the store of the Tilden Shoe Co., in the city of Barre, in said district, on the 1st day of March and 15th day of July next, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock p. m. on each of said days, and that six months from the 24th day of January, A. D. 1917, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at the city of Barre, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1917.
ARTHUR C. TILDEN,
W. D. MOWER,
Commissioners.

Feb-13-20
COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE
ESTATE OF ORVILLE J. GALE
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Dated at Williamstown, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1917.
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